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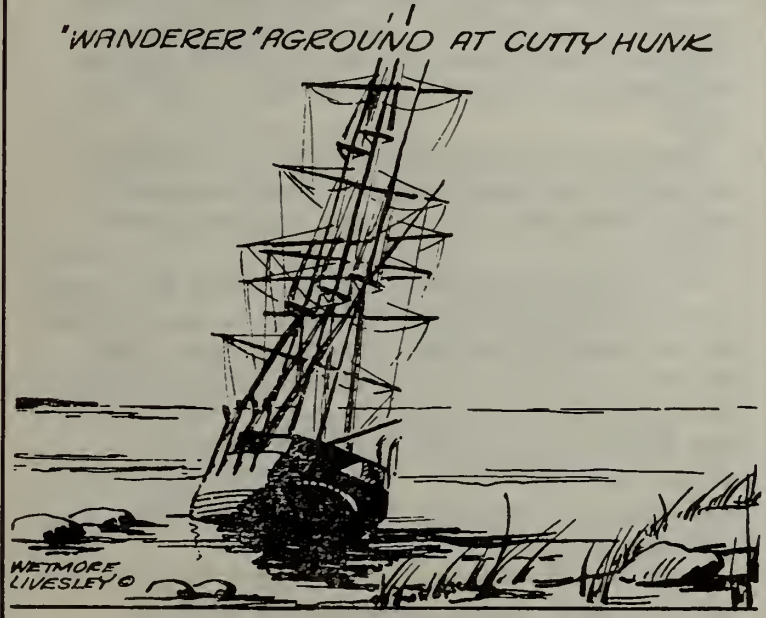

Wanderer built 1878—Last square rigged whaleship to leave Port of New Bedford 1924 wrecked on Cuttyhunk Island.

Much interest was expressed in the Shipyard editorial of last week. It seems fitting as this subject is persued, to mention that Mrs. Charles Sumner Hamlin presented the town the Wanderer mizzenmast. She furnished the capital to procure and place it in its present position.

Mrs. Hamlin (Huybertie L. Pruyn) of "Annalands," Mattapoisett is a descendant of a delegate of the famous Franklin Plan of Union of Colonies for defense of Government. A celebration is being planned to commemorate the 200th anniversary of same, which will account for her delayed arrival in Mattapoisett this summer. The plan was turned down by the British Government but was revived 20 years later in the form of the "Declaration of Independence."

This celebration will be a National one. Congress has passed a bill recognizing it, and is to send 13 Senators and members to

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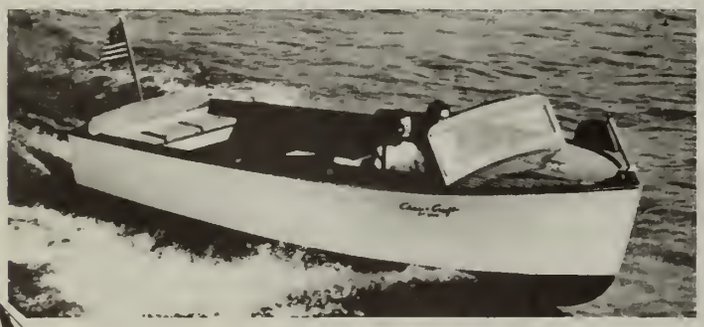

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Albany. They are to represent the 13 Colonies of 1754.

Here again, one of our valued residents honors our town by her presence at a National function, and our town with her presence as soon as that civic duty is performed.

She resides in one of our nice old houses, similar in tradition probably to Charles Stetson's of whom I wrote last week, built before 1757, later occupied by Mrs. Barklie. He must have prospered, for before long others came.

In 1760 Nathaniel Cushing from Pembroke, Gideon Barstow of the famous Barstow Bros. builders in Hanover. In 1762 Stephen Cushing from Pembroke, and in 1767 Joshua Studley, and later Seth Barstow from Tisbury.

From then on property along the harbor passed to so many shipbuilders, and with such frequency, it is hard to keep track of it.

It is almost impossible to learn the precise location of each shipyard. It suffices to say that Nathaniel Cushing's yard lay at the corner of the harbor at Cannonville. Studley's, later Seth Barstow's yard, on the present R. L. Barstow waterfront. Gideon Barstow's was between Mrs. Hinsdale's and what we remember as the former Anchorage Property.

As a whole, shipbuilders did not prosper in those days. Few people realize what hard times existed in Massachusetts from 1760 to 1775, when trouble between the colonies and England was coming to a boil.

Money was practically non-existent. Even shipbuilding was done by barter. Each Vessel was the property of a group of men, who contributed either labor or materials to her construction. When sold, the purchaser promised to pay for her from the proceeds of her voyage. Many times her voyage was a total loss.

What happened to the merchant who couldn't pay, and the shipbuilder, who was responsible to the men who has financed her?

Charles Stetson, the first of the shipbuilders, furnishes a sad example of this. In 1767 and 1768 many court executions were obtained against him. The plaintiffs in

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Mrs. Lucille E. Hande, very kindly dropped us a line on April 16th, and we are sure she will be willing that we share it with the readers. Word has been received from Miss Elise Root, who makes her home with Mrs. Hande on Prospect Road.

She wrote from Europe that she expects to return home in June. Since her arrival in France in March, 1953, she has toured the Continent extensively. She lived several months in France at Le Chambon.

During the summer she visited Scotland, Wales and England. She spent the winter in London, studying art. At present she is at Cap d' Antibes on the French Riviera. Before her return to the U. S. A., she will visit Holland and Germany.

Mrs. Hande has sent copies of the Presto to England, Hawaii and Pennsylvania, and as we understand, Bill Raymond sent a copy to his son in Japan. It seems in five weeks, Presto has gone around the world, taking news of Mattapoisett with it, as the whaleships did in days of old.

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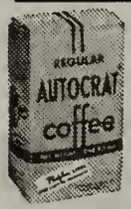

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these cases show with whom he did business and for whom he built ships. They were Jonathan Burnell, Joseph Rotch and Joseph Nichols of Nantucket, Joseph Rotch, Jr. and John McPherson of Dartmouth, all important shipping merchants. McPherson, the victim whose wharves, ships and warehouses on the Acushnet River were burned by the British in 1778.

Stetson struggled along for over a year, selling piece by piece of his holdings to pay off his debts. In June, 1768 the constable served a warrant, taking all his property, real and personal, and committing him to the Gaol at Plymouth.

So, the man, who had first brought to Mattapoisett its first progress, shipbuilding, lost his shipyard. He and his sons continued to live here, and the sons fought in the Revolution as Rochester soldiers. When the war was over, the sons and undoubtedly the father moved to New Bedford, and established a shipyard north of the present bridge, where they built over 50 ships.

Every shipbuilder, who came to Mattapoisett before the Revolution, failed save one. Gideon Barstow, who bought the shipyard property of William Rotch in 1760 prospered. He weathered the Revolution, and by 1784 he and his sons owned every shipyard but one along the waterfront.

In that year his son, Gideon, Jr. purchased the R. L. Barstow property and continued building for half a century. Eight years later, Gideon, Sr. sold to another son, Captain Wilson Barstow, his old William Rotch yard, and what is the Lewis Bolles property, where Captain Wilson built the house lived in by Mr. Bolles.

So another crop of younger shipbuilders appeared. Two of these were the Cannon Brothers, Ebenezer, Jr. and Eleakim. It was descendants of these two men along with Gideon Barstow, who made Mattapoisett famous for shipbuilding. For three generations Cannon's and Barstow's ran most of the yards. Their hereditary craftsmanship reminds one of the old guilds of Europe, where secrets of each craft were handed down from father to son for generations.

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ON TELEVISION

Jimmy Macomber, 3 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Macomber, Prospect Rd., appeared on Bob Emery's Big Brother program on Channel 4, WBZ, Boston. He and Bob pledged allegiance to the flag in a very impressive manner. The Big Brother program is sponsored by Tip Top Bread, and recently won 2nd place award for his type of program. Another example of one of our residents calling the 48 states attention to Mattapoisett, for it was on a coast to coast hookup.

ASSUMES NEW DUTIES

Mr. Hayden L. V. Anderson, former Principal of Mattapoisett Center School, who has been Superintendent of Caribou-Limestone schools for seven years, has assumed his new duties as Dean of Instruction and Director of the Elementary Curriculum at Farmington State Teachers College, Maine.

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Dr. Albert York's son, Bruce, age 16, has completed construction of a 12½' kit boat, which was launched Easter. We haven't seen it yet, but being a chip off the old block, we bet Bruce did a nice job, and has a boat to be proud of.

Take the children and your friends to the Old Dartmouth Historical Society on Johnny Cake Hill in New Bedford. Among many other things to see is the interesting half model of the whaleship, Lagoda. If you need further information, call 344-11 or stop in at Volkommen Card Shop, Church St. Mr. Jason has leaflets with full details. It is a wonderful experience that many of the youth groups would enjoy. Ask your group leader to arrange the outing.

ARE GRANDPARENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Bernardo of Mahoney's Lane are grandparents of a baby girl, born March 27th to Bea and Joseph Bernardo. The parents are now living in Illinois, where the father is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Ensign & Mrs. Charles B. Dunn were guests of the Ralph C. Dunn's, Point Connett over the holidays.

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BENEFIT SQUARE DANCE

A benefit square dance will be held on Saturday, May 1st. The proceeds are to go to the Skidmore fund. Keep this date open. We will tell you where the dance is to be held next week.

Thank you, Helen Hiller for your constructive suggestion. We will give your thought every consideration, as it is our thought to please all our readers.

ARRIVED HOME

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Buckley of Acushnet Rd. have arrived home from the south, where they have been honeymooning.

L. A. BURNHAM TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Leonard A. Burnham will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday, April 22nd at the vestry of the Congregational Church. Mr. Burnham's subject will be "Perennials for the Home Gardener". Mrs. Anthony J. Sylvia will preside at the business meeting, and the hostess at the tea will be Mrs. Robert Townsend.

BREAKFAST SERVED

185 persons were served at the Easter breakfast following the sunrise service on Sunday, April 18th at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Co-chairmen of the breakfast were Richard Chase and Anthony Pelson. Serving on the committee were dish washers, John Souza, Bill Matthews, Bob Gardner, and Dwight Root; cooks, John Denham, Richard Chase, Allen Sherman and Ted Bryant; coffee makers, George Heath and Allen Perkins; bus boys, Bill Apperson, Anthony Pelson and Bob Jones.

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ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. David W. Briggs entertained Mrs. Briggs' mother and sister, Mrs. Earl Robins and Miss Jane Robins of Ansonia, Conn. over the holidays at their North St. home.

SPEND HOLIDAYS IN CAMBRIDGE

Mr. & Mrs. Henning A. Sahlberg and son, Eric of Church St. spent a few days of their Easter vacation in Cambridge with Mrs. Sahlberg's aunt, Mrs. Ellen Olson, and cousin, June Olson.

P. O. BOXHOLDERS

If you do not find a copy of the PRESTO for each family using your box, ask at the general delivery window. They will be most co-operative. They are very busy, and sometimes miss where more than one family use the same box. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their co-operation, and say we appreciate their efforts in our behalf.

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TO SPONSOR MEETING

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will soon sponsor a meeting for the townspeople, at which an educational movie on the dial system telephone will be shown.

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Giles Dunn is recuperating at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph C. Dunn, Point Connett, following a tonsillectomy on Wednesday, April 14th.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Leo Libby is temporarily at the hospital.

WATCH FOR NEWS

Mrs. Marjorie Morris will have some wonderful news soon. Be sure and watch her ad for the whole story. Wish I could, but can't let the secret out just yet.

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The wedding of Janet Cayton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Maurice W. Cayton, will take place on Saturday, May 1st at 8 A. M. at St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven. Reception will be at Gaudette's Pavilion from 11:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Billy Jones celebrated his birthday on Thursday, April 15th with a party at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones, Barstow St.

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MAY 4, 5, 6, 7, 1954

On the above days food handlers will be x-rayed for the purpose of obtaining Food Handlers' Certificates, prior to the expiration of their certificates on May 30, 1954. Each person who works in an eating and drinking establishment is required by law to have in his or her possession while working a Food Handler's Certificate in full force and effect. which cannot be issued without an x-ray taken within three months prior to making the application. The general public may also be x-rayed during this time.

Food Handlers Should Report on the Above Dates to:
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HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Fairhaven Police Chief Norman Shurtleff is at home from the hospital, but expects to return for another operation in two weeks. We hope he will be fully recovered soon, and be able to attend and judge our bicycle field day program.

GRASS CUTTER'S SPECIAL

This is the time of year that we think of all the grass cutting ahead of us. Your MOWER should be put in top condition to help you do a good JOB. CHARLIE FIGUEIREDO is ready to sharpen it for you. HAND OR POWER - Call his home phone Matt. 168-2 and leave your message with his wife. Please do not contact him at his regular place of employment. 74 Acushnet Rd. is the place.

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Mr. & Mrs. Antone Andrews of Aucoot Rd. observed their wedding anniversary on Monday, April 19th.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Joan Dexter of Baptist St. is at So. Hampton Hospital for treatment.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The Couples Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church had a pot luck supper at 7 P. M., Tuesday, followed by their annual meeting, and discussion period.

ASSUMES COMMAND OF SHIP

Lt. Richard Donaldson of Church St. assumed command of the Coast Guard Ship Frederick Lee. He took command in a brief ceremony held Thursday on the ship. Congratulations Dick! Good luck to you.

We are now using a new SMITH-CORONA typewriter from JOHANSEN'S. It being our desire to make the paper easily readable, we feel this to be an improvement. Mr. Johansen gave us the same careful attention that he gives all his trade. It is a pleasure to be served by one so patient. He had us compare different machines, and furnished us with different kinds of ribbons and extra spools until we were entirely sure the clean cut copy you receive is the very best we can produce. We hope that you can see the improvement, and will remember this message and call Johansen's when you have the need for services such as he renders.

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WEATHER REPORT
by Capt Ezra

Well I swan this is the last consarn straw I am just getting used to being crammed bow and stern and now these idiots are squeezin me port and starboard Well sir these fried aigs made a mighty uncomfortable wearing but they sure kept Eliza and me from starving which was a blessin also the cleared the deck of goats and we was might glad of that cause we was mighty tuckered. We was hitting about 2000 knots I should jedge when disaster hit us as the bottons poped on the long johns trap door Now we haddn't taken much note of the course sein as how we had no control of the vessle what so ever but flying through the air as we was we didn't have to pick any channels but when them two consarn button let go the poor chickens was brought up so short that the anchor chain cracked the whip Well sir in a flash we stared to sink and chic ens and roosters was tossed right back to the fan tail. Now as I said we haddn't been watching our course being so tired up with watching the goats so I sprung to the starboard rail to take a gander below and I declar my hair stood right up on end #%*-2" [illegible] Consarn it the weather for next week is

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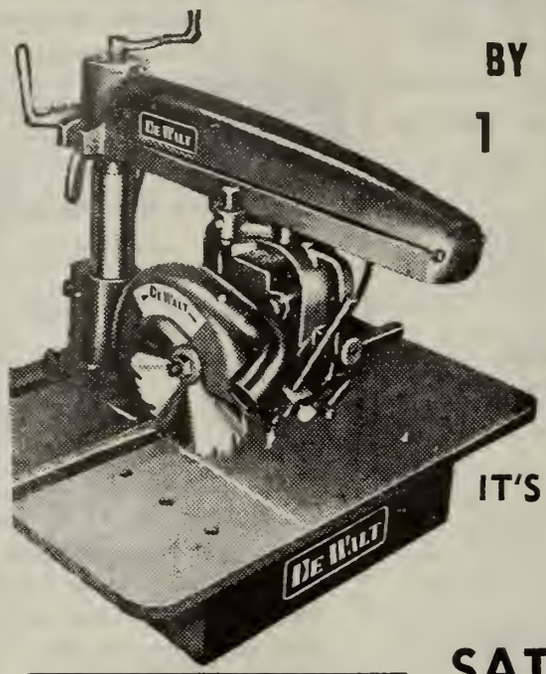

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